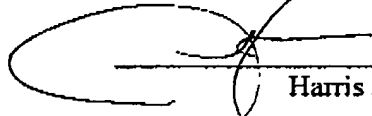


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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE AN OFFICE ACTION**

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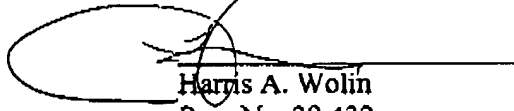
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a), Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive an Office Action. A Statement by the Applicant's attorney accompanies this Petition. Pursuant to MPEP §711.03(c), no petition fee should be required.

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Respectfully submitted,



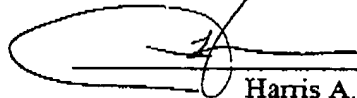
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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) and MPEP §711.03(c)(I and II), Applicant's legal representative registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office hereby makes this statement in support of Applicant's Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment.

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According to the Examiner, a first Office Action was apparently mailed on November 9, 2001. Applicant never received such Office Action. Thus, the application is currently abandoned, even though Applicant never received a Notice of Abandonment confirming the same.

A search of the file jacket and docket records has revealed that such first Office Action was never received or formally entered into the docket records. Any Office Action received by Applicant's representative is docketed on the file jacket itself and in a computerized docket system. The last action received and docketed in this case was a Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 13, 2000. Such action was docketed on the file jacket, copy attached, for a one-month reminder on January 13, 2001 and a two-month response date on February 13, 2001. Nothing else is docketed on the file jacket.

A printout from the computerized docket system dated May 28, 2002, copy attached, also fails to show the docketing of a first Office Action dated November 9, 2001. Such docket report shows Applicant's last response filed December 20, 2000, which was a Submission of Missing Parts. Such Submission of Missing Parts was received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, since the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a Filing Receipt on March 26, 2001.

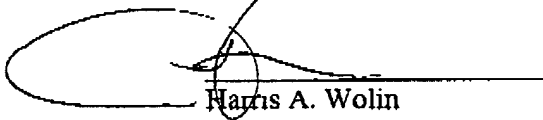
Had an Office Action dated November 9, 2001 been received, it would have been docketed on at least one of the three attached docketing means.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the

like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that this Petition be granted, that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the Office Action be re-mailed with a new mailing date.

Respectfully submitted,



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